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### AMENDMENT C

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. The following amendments place the application in allowable form, or in the alternative, place the application in better form for appeal.

### AMENDMENTS

#### In the claims:

Please enter the following claims thereby amending the claims by replacement. A separate paper identifying the claim amendments is attached to this Amendment.

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice.